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1. ALMOST ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL INFORMALLY MET ON THE AFTERNOON OF 14 APRIL TO DISCUSS: HOW TO MEET THE PROGRAM'S FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE 1977-81 PROGRAM CYCLE; AND, HOW TO SHARE MORE EQUITABLY THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADEQUATELY FINANCING THE PROGRAM. WHILE THE MEETING WAS ARRANGED IN LINE WITH A PROVISION OF LAST JUNE'S GOVERNING COUNCIL OMNIBUS RESOLUTION ON THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF UNDP, IT WAS CALLED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR MORSE ONLY AFTER STRONG PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PRESSURE FROM THE NORDICS AND DESPITE THE MISGIVINGS OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS, SUCH AS FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE AND USSR.

2. THE MEETING WENT SMOOTHLY WITH MANY DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING THE US) TAKING THE FLOOR EITHER, AS IN THE CASE OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO INDICATE IN GENERAL TERMS WHAT THEY ARE DOING IN UNDP IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR OVERALL ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, OR, AS IN THE CASE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO URGE THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT, TO CONTRIBUTE EVEN MORE TO THE PROGRAM.
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ADMINISTRATOR MORSE'S WELCOMING STATEMENT WAS BASED ON DOCUMENT DP/L.322 (COPY OF STATEMENT AVAILABLE AT IO/DHP:WFALKNER).

3. AFTER THE MEETING, THE SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH ITS OUTCOME, PARTICULARLY WITH THE ATTENDANCE AND ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE

DEVELOPING COUNTRY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, AND WITH THE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF JAPAN, ITALY AND THE U.S. IN FURTHER PURSUING THE MEETING'S THEME.

4. NEXT STEPS: THE UNDP SECRETARIAT HAS AGREED TO DEVELOP BY THE TIME OF THE JUNE SESSION OF THE COUNCIL A STUDY REQUESTED BY THE NORDICS WHICH WOULD DESCRIBE IN DETAIL HOW OTHER DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS, IFAD, AND IDA, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE A MEASURE OF LONG-TERM FINANCING. THE STUDY WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE ELABORATION OF A SET OF APPROPRIATE MODELS FOR A LONG-TERM FINANCING OF UNDP, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PARTICULARITIES AND VOLUNTARY NATURE OF THE PROGRAM. (THE SWEDES HOPE TO ARRANGE EITHER A SECOND INFORMAL MEETING OR A DISCUSSION OF THIS STUDY UNDER ONE OF THE AGENDA ITEMS AT THE JUNE COUNCIL SESSION.)
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